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London, July 7.—Letting loose a concentrated fire of high-caliber shells which swept away the French entanglements and pulverized their defenses, the Germans, striking in the night, pushed their lines further forward near St. Mihiel, in the movement to encircle Verdun, according to dispatches tonight.

Re-enforced by fresh levies which it is not believed have served before in any of the theaters of war, the Teutons, while transporting great forces further west in preparation for a renewed drive on Calais, have taken occasion in the St. Mihiel section, to make a side slap at the great fortress which bars the way of the German legions to the heart of France.

Paris admits that a German attack southeast of St. Mihiel, on a front extending from the hill which dominates the west bank of the Meuse as far as Tete-a-Vache, in the forest of Apremont, succeeded at Vaux-Fery in penetrating the French lines for a stretch of 70 yards. Later dispatches state that the infantry actions have ceased, the Germans remaining in possession of the captured trenches, but being unable to extend their gains.

British Driven Out of Trenches.

In the fighting around Ypres the British were not allowed to remain long in the trenches they captured southwest of Pilken during the early morning hours of yesterday, according to dispatches from Berlin. After occupying the trenches for the greater part of the day they were driven out by a German attack in the evening.

Pierce fighting in which the Germans are employing flaming liquids is proceeding in the forest of Le Pretre. Several German attacks were broken up, the French report, and at one point in the western part of the woods the French, fighting with hand grenades, managed to retain 20 yards of trenches.

Between the Meuse and Moselle violent fighting continues, with the French and Germans alternately on the offensive. Southwest of Les Eparges the French regained 100 yards of trenches, but further along an attack on the Calonne trench failed completely.

Admit Cathedral Destruction.

The Germans today admitted the destruction of the Cathedral at Arras. He explains that nearby buildings caught fire from the German shells and the flames spread to the sacred edifice.

For some days the French have reported the use of incendiary shells by the Teutons in their bombardment of Arras and also have stated that it has been evident that the cathedral itself was being used as a target.

Heavy fighting continues around the railway station at Souchez, neither side gaining. The Germans have directed three attacks at this defense, none of which have been successful, while French night assaults on the German lines likewise have been repulsed.

The Austro-Germans have been definitely halted in their drive on Warsaw, according to reports received here tonight. Since Monday they have not moved forward, and on the Krassnik front in South-

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There Are Over 5,000 "Smiths" in This City

If you were looking for one of them, and did not have his initials or address, do you think you could find him?

There are thousands of people in Washington who can supply the things you want—a better job, a piece of property, a second-hand auto, a clerk, a maid, a cook or any one of a hundred and one needs you have. To most people the problem of finding these people is as difficult as that of finding a particular one of the 5,000 Smiths. Yet, there is a simple, certain, direct way of locating the right party at the right time, and that is—the want-ad.

The average classified ad in The Herald costs 25 cents, and reaches three-fifths of the homes of Washington bright and early in the morning. You get the results the day your ad appears. Call Main 3300 and ask for the Classified Ad Department.

'I Should Worry,' Says Tommy As Shells and Bombs Shriek

British Soldier in Trenches Takes Things as They Come, and That Includes Bullets and Asphyxiating Gases, Writes Frederick Palmer.

By FREDERICK PALMER.

British Headquarters in France, June 22.—"What hopes," was the slang phrase I heard from the men in the trenches where I spent last night. It has about the same meaning as "I should worry."

You have only one life to live, and you may lose that any second—what hopes. Dig, dig, and set a mine that sends Germans skyward in a cloud of dust—what hopes. Bully beef from Chicago and Argentine is no food for babes, but better than "kik" bread—what hopes.

Whoever thinks that the trenches are occupied by grim, silent men with jaws hard-set has been reading soldier stories written from the rear. Such somberness is not in the nature of the thoroughbred regular, Mr. Thomas Atkins. He takes things as they come—and a lot of them come—shells, asphyxiating gas, bullets and bombs.

There is a lot to be thankful for. The King's Own Particular Fusiliers, as we shall call them, had only three men hit yesterday. They were enjoying a peaceful holiday. A grand old regiment, the K. O. P. F., with the storming of

Quebec and the relief of Ladysmith among its honors. Ever to say again that it had a reputation to live up to is banal. The brightest page in its history was at the second battle of Ypres, and if you wish to meet some real heroes here they are in plain khaki among the survivors of that battle manning a deep ditch in mother earth.

Only don't tell them they are heroes. They will deny it on the evidence of themselves as eyewitnesses of the action. The fact that they deny it is the best proof, perhaps, that they are. To remark that the K. O. P. F. are brave is like remarking that water flows down hill. It is their business to be brave. Why talk about it?

Not at all unlikely those three men who were hit. One was killed. Well, everybody in this war expects that. He may be killed. The other two "got ticks for England." My lady will take them joy riding in her automobile and seat them in easy chairs, arranging the cushions comfortably with her own hands and feed them slices of cold chicken in place of bully beef, and strawberries and cream in place of ration marmalade—oh, my! What hopes.

Tommy Has Time of His Life.

Mr. Atkinson does not mind being a hero for the purpose of such treatment. Then, with never a twinkle in his eye, he will tell my lady that he does not want to return to the front; he has had enough of it, he says. My lady's patriotism will be a little shocked, as Mr. Atkinson knows it will, and she will wonder if the "tick" quality of the British soldier is weakening, for Mr. Atkinson has more kinks in his mental methods than mere nobility ever guesses, and he is having

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COMSTOCK HOLDS JOB.

Vice-Crusader of the Policy Is O. K., Says Carter Keene.

Anthony Comstock, head of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, is not to lose his job as a post-office inspector. An official statement was made yesterday by Chief Inspector Carter Keene that the government is in entire accord with Mr. Comstock's work.

A rumor that the aged vice crusader was to be dropped from the government's payroll after forty-three years of continuous service, was circulated a month ago. At that time Mr. Comstock answered his critics by a bold denunciation of Federal authorities, who, he said, were back of a conspiracy to oust him.

"The right must prevail," was the way the censor of public morals commented upon his vindication today. "I knew all along the plans of the miserable schemer, plotting to oust me, would fail. I kept on doing my work just as if nothing had happened."

"The society's record for the present year is nothing to be ashamed of. We have made sixty-seven arrests for the sale and distribution of indecent pictures. We have confiscated 12,000 books and pamphlets."

LONG TRIP FOR PEARY SHIP.

The Roosevelt Going to Alaska by Way of Panama.

The steamer Roosevelt, used by Admiral Peary on the Arctic voyage, during which he discovered the North Pole, and which recently was purchased by the Department of Commerce, was announced by the department yesterday to be about to sail for Seattle and Alaska by way of Panama. She has been under repairs in New York, where oil-burning equipment has replaced her coal-burning apparatus. She will now have a steaming radius of 4,000 miles.

The Roosevelt will be employed by the Bureau of Fisheries as a supply vessel and patrol vessel for all of the coast from Sitka to Nome. She can remain in northern waters longer than any other vessel afloat, owing to her special construction for resisting ice pressure. The Roosevelt will be the supply vessel for the seal preserve on the Pribilof Islands in the course of her cruise.

"Middies" Off to Panama.

The battleships Missouri and Ohio, under command of Admiral Pulliam, superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, sailed from Annapolis for Panama and San Francisco at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, according to a Navy Department announcement. They carried the second and third sections of the Annapolis midshipmen on their annual practice cruise. The battleship Wisconsin sailed with the first section Tuesday noon.

5:30 to Philadelphia, 5:35 to Chester, 5:50 to Baltimore and Annapolis. July 11 from Union Station at 7:35 a. m. Returning same day.—Adv.

WILD DASH OF CAR DOWN HILL INTO TREE IS FATAL TO TWELVE

Trolley Packed with Sunday School Picnickers from Toronto Jumps Track—Motorman Lost Control.

Toronto, July 7.—Eight persons, four women, two men, a boy and a girl, were killed outright, and four persons died later of injuries when an International Railway trolley car, packed with people, tore down the precipitous grade of Queenston Heights, through Queenston village, jumped the track on the last curve at the boat landing and crashed into a tree. All the victims of the disaster were Toronto people, who were part of three local Sunday school picnics to Niagara Falls.

The accident occurred at 6:30 p. m. At the time the steamer Chippewa was at the dock, only 100 yards from the scene, waiting to take the carload, with the hundreds of other picnickers, home to this city. Instantly the wireless operator on the steamer sent calls for medical aid from Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The tree which the car struck rent the latter asunder and piled the passengers one upon the other. They would have been suffocated as they lay, had not soldiers guarding the Canadian end of the Suspension Bridge rushed to the scene and rescued them from the struggling heap.

The picnickers were from the Sunday schools of three churches in this city—Westmoreland Avenue Methodist, St. John's Presbyterian, and Woodgreen Tabernacle Methodist.

To add to the anxiety of those ashore, the Chippewa, bringing back most of the injured and some of the dead, became lost off this harbor in a thick mist and torrential rain. Tugs were sent to her assistance. The wireless equipment saved her from going miles out of her course.

THAW, IF FREED, TO ASK DIVORCE

Believes His Loss of a Fortune Is Due to Conduct of Actress-wife.

EVELYN TO BE ARRESTED

Expected Back in New York Today to Testify in Insanity Case.

New York, July 7.—Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will be arrested at Chateaugay Lake tomorrow morning on a bench warrant charging contempt of court, and brought back to New York to testify for the State at her husband's insanity trial.

Swift and bewildering changes in the Thaw situation today thus once more brought the pretty wife of Harry K. Thaw to the center of the proceedings.

Justice Hendrick, at the resumption of the trial, rejected the certificate of ill-health issued by Dr. Bernard Livingston in Mrs. Thaw's behalf, and reprimanded the physician for advising her to disregard the subpoena in answer to which she came to New York yesterday. The representatives of the State thereupon asked for a body attachment against the recalcitrant witness.

By 9 o'clock tomorrow it is expected Mrs. Thaw will once more be en route for New York.

It is an open secret that if Thaw is liberated one of his first moves will be to apply for a divorce from his wife. It is already in evidence in the present case that Thaw no longer cares for his wife, and that his loss of a fortune is due to the manner in which Mrs. Thaw has acted since he was sent to Matteawan. Abel I. Smith also broadly intimated during the proceedings last week that Mrs. Thaw's desire to have her husband's insanity reaffirmed was based on a fear that her interests and those of her son would suffer if he were pronounced sane.

Stanchfield, it is understood, today will bend every effort, when he gets Mrs. Thaw under cross-examination, to develop the circumstances on which Thaw's loss of affection for his wife is based. The appearance of Susan Merrill on the stand was the chief feature of today's sessions of the trial.

Mrs. Merrill told the old story of renting rooms to Thaw, first at her house in West Forty-sixth street and later in her house in West Fifty-fourth street. He hired the rooms, she said, under the name of Reed, and received letters under that name as well as the names of Johnson and Monroe.

Heard Girl's Screams.

"Different young ladies called on him at these places," said Mrs. Merrill. "My attention was first attracted after he had been in the first house a few weeks. I heard a girl screaming in his parlor."

"I rushed in and found Thaw with a whip raised and about to strike the girl, most of whose clothing had been removed. He was in the act of striking when I rushed in. When he saw me he grabbed his coat and left. I talked with the girl later. She was 17 or 18 years old. Later I talked with Thaw about it. He said he couldn't make the girl learn anything."

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U. S. Will Seize Radio Plant Owned by German Company

Federal Government, at End of This Week, Will Take Over Wireless Station at Sayville, Long Island, to Prevent Neutrality Violations.

It was stated positively here last night that before the end of this week the Federal government will take over the wireless station at Sayville, L. I., owned and operated by a German company.

The object of this step by the government, which has been under consideration for ten days, is to guard against violations of the neutrality of the United States by the sending out of unneutral messages sent out from the Sayville station, naval officers stationed there as censors have had reason to believe the station was being used for improper purposes.

That the government may act today was indicated here last night. Capt. W. H. G. Bullard, in charge of the navy radio service, went to New York yesterday after having participated in the deliberations of the last ten days with regard to the Sayville station. It is expected that Capt. Bullard will be the one to take over the station for the government.

It is understood that the Sayville station, when taken over, will be operated under the same rules and regulations as the station at Tuckerton, N. J. This station was taken over by the government last fall as a result of litigation regarding ownership of the plant, and government operation seemed the only means by which the station could be utilized under the circumstances.

MANY KILLED BY TORNADO IN OHIO VALLEY; ALL WIRES DOWN

Cleveland, Ohio, July 7.—Twelve persons are dead and more than a dozen are buried in the wreckage of buildings at Cincinnati, following a tornado late today.

Eight buildings in the city are known to be destroyed and it is believed here that the life and property loss in small towns surrounding Cincinnati is great. Owing to the fact that all wire traffic was destroyed through the Ohio Valley the extent of damage or possible loss of life in the river towns in this section is not known. Last reports were that much damage had been done in Dayton, Bellevue, Newport, Covington, and Ludlow, on the Kentucky side, and at Lawrenceburg, Ind. Telegraph communication with the outside world has been completely cut off, from 9 p. m. only one wire, a Bell telephone line to Columbus, was working. Meager reports were sent over this line.

The storm, presumably the same one which caused havoc in St. Louis, and which was reported moving in the directions, arrived shortly after 9 o'clock. A terrific wind swept the city, blew down buildings, uprooted trees, and smashed windows and chimneys throughout this section.

A large tenement house in West Eighth street was demolished. Five persons were killed and several were buried in the debris and not accounted for later. Seven more buildings, mostly small ones, in the business section in the western part of the city were also destroyed.

St. Louis, July 7.—Five persons were killed in a tornado which swept through Charles County, north of here, this afternoon. The damage is estimated at \$500,000.

Mrs. Thomas Slattery and her two children, living at Dardenne, near St. Charles, Mo., were killed when their home was destroyed by a tornado.

Miss Olive Wyndham, well-known actress, whose engagement to W. Kirkpatrick Bryer, son of the late United States Senator Calvin S. Brice, of Ohio, has been announced.

NEW GUN BETTERS U. S. SUBMARINE ARMAMENT

Navy Officials Look for Good Results from Installation of Three-inch Weapon.

The Navy Department is satisfied that in the new three-inch gun developed by naval ordnance experts for use on submarines the United States will have a submarine armament quite as good as anything abroad, if not a little better.

The first of the new guns will be placed on the M-1 within the next ten days, and further installations will follow as rapidly as guns and vessels can be made ready. The new gun is of the disappearing type, and drops below the deck of the submarine for reloading and reappears again in what is declared to be remarkably short time. This disappearing mount has been the chief problem in the development of the gun, and officers of the Bureau of Ordnance have been working on the design for twenty months.

The caliber of the gun is three inches. The gun will also have a high angle of fire, so that it can be used against aircraft if necessary.

PEACE MEETING; BRYAN AWAY.

Former Secretary Unable to Address German and Irish.

San Francisco, July 7.—William Jennings Bryan has refused to deliver an address tomorrow at a mass peace meeting of the American Independence Union, an association of Irish and German, who have made common cause against the exportation of arms to Great Britain.

Mr. Bryan said he expected to attend a reception for the governor, E. D. Boyle, of Nevada, and H. C. Stuart, of Virginia, at the same hour the meeting was scheduled. Recently he accepted an invitation to speak at the mass meeting, provided other engagements here permitted.

"MOVIE" FILMS STOLEN.

Six Thousand Feet of Thrills Disappear Mysteriously.

About 6,000 feet of motion picture film was lost or stolen either from the camera or a wagon in front of the offices of the Mutual Film Corporation on Ninth street northwest, Tuesday night. The film included a 1,000-foot Keystone picture, "Ambrose's Sour Grapes," a 1,000-foot Majestic release, "Woman from Warren," a 1,000-foot Thanhouser entitled "A Two Cent Mystery," and also 1,000 feet of Mutual stock.

'ALL SAFE,' IS REPORT FROM SHIPS MADMAN THREATENED TO SINK

Flashes from Mid-Ocean Indicate Saxonia and Philadelphia Have Escaped Disaster Planned by Maniac Who Ended Life in Cell.

TAKES MYSTERY TO HIS GRAVE

Holt, Believe New York Police, Would Have Told All if He Had Lived—Many of His Dynamite Sticks Still Unaccounted for.

New York, July 7.—Two wireless replies from mid-ocean late today dispelled the fear that the 1,000 persons aboard the Philadelphia and Saxonia were endangered by infernal machines constructed by Frank Holt, the maniac-suicide, who tried to kill J. Pierpont Morgan.

Messages of inquiry were sent to the captains of these two ships late Tuesday night. They were prompted by the discovery of a letter from Holt sent to his wife at Dallas, Tex., saying:

"The steamer leaving New York for Liverpool on July 3 should sink on the 7th, God willing."

Both ships sailed from New York on July 3. Before Holt dashed his brains out in the Mineola Jail Tuesday night, he kept saying:

"Wait until Wednesday, July 7. Then I will tell all."

Capt. A. R. Mills, of the Philadelphia, said this reply to the inquiries of the Navy Department and the International Mercantile Marine Company:

"All safe. Everything on board identified."

Later a message was received by the Cunard Line from Capt. Charles, of the Saxonia, which read:

"Search complete. We are taking every precaution. Everything is all right."

The Philadelphia, according to the practice of all ships of the American Line, carried no contraband. The Saxonia, however, had aboard a cargo of war supplies consigned to England.

Letters May Bare Past.

Holt's suicide has by no means ended the investigation of the New York police. The question whether the insane instructor had accomplices who might have given him money and furnished him with the information necessary to obtain explosives has not yet been answered to the satisfaction of Commissioner Woods. A mass of correspondence, which promises to reveal Holt's past as far back as 1898, when he is believed to have been Erich Muenster, the Cambridge teacher who killed his wife and then vanished, has been discovered at Ithaca, N. Y. Letters and other papers belonging to Holt were found in a stray corner of a storeroom in Cornell University. They were seized by the Ithaca police, who have been asked by the New York police to send them here as speedily as possible.

Police Commissioner Woods disclosed today for the first time the inside workings of the department in its efforts to solve the mystery of Holt and his propaganda of dynamite and violence. The commissioner said:

"It was not until 9 o'clock last night that we learned of Holt's threat to blow up the Philadelphia and Saxonia. The information came from Maj. Pullman, chief of the Washington police. Maj. Pullman had been posted by J. E. Cockrell, of Dallas, Tex., to whom Holt's wife showed one of his letters."

"To my talks with Holt he had alluded to something which he expected would happen before Wednesday, and accordingly we had only a few hours in which to round up all possible clues."

"We had to find out if any packages had been sent aboard these ships from places on Long Island, which Holt had requested. It was also necessary to check up all items of the manifesto of these ships which appeared to represent a Holt consignment."

"Station agents were routed out of their beds. Express offices were opened up and their records examined by lamp light. But nowhere except at Oyster Bay was anything found which looked like a package that Holt might have expressed aboard these boats."

No Dynamite on Ships.

"One of the Oyster Bay packages was discovered on the pier. The owner of the other was interviewed, and he cleared all suspicion in that quarter. So we now feel sure that none of Holt's dynamite went aboard these vessels."

"Although we found no evidence that Holt had accomplices, we cannot eliminate that possibility at the present time."

"We are now searching for the sixty-four missing sticks of dynamite which

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**HOLT FINANCED TERROR
CAMPAIGN WITH \$200**

New York, July 7.—While it was decidedly positively today that Frank Holt, whose muddled brain induced him to attempt to blow up the Capital in Washington and shoot J. Pierpont Morgan, committed suicide in his cell in the Mineola Jail last night by jumping from the trellis work of the steel cage surrounding the cell block, an inquest will be held tomorrow to fix officially the responsibility.

The officials are still in a controversy concerning who is at fault, but from all indications the blame will be placed on the guard, Jerry Ryan, seventy years old, who, drafted to watch Holt by Sheriff Pettito, knew nothing about the prison and who had been on duty most of the time since Saturday with only little chance to sleep. If Ryan is found to have been derelict in his duty it is said that he may be censured, but no punishment will follow and the matter will be dropped with the disposal of Holt's body.

District Attorney Anny.

District Attorney Smith is still very much incensed over the Holt tragedy and showed his indignation today when discussing it. He said in reference to

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